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RECONSTRUCTION IN MU-TAN-CHIANG

After 3 years of reconstruction, Mu-tan-chiang in Sungkiang Province has developed into a modern industrial city.

In July 1948, there were 4,777 industrial and commercial enterprises in the city, including 1,237 factories. Aside from the large-scale factories operated by the government, there are now 59 ironworks with a total of 239 lathes, utilizing 4,660 horsepower, and capable of manufacturing complicated types of machinery. There are 30 lumber firms, which produce 600,000 cubic meters of lumber per year. The textile industry is producing 15,000 bolts of cloth per month. The chemical companies, about 27 in all, produce matches, pine oil, enamel, India rubber, paper, and pharmaceuticals.

Most of the people of this city have found suitable employment in the factories. Aside from those whose pursuits are in home or handicraft industries, the number of workers now belonging to labor unions amounts to over 20,000.

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